Out from Minn.

Dear Dot:-

After a most wearisome stay from eight- o'clock this morning till one thirty p.m. in St. Paul we are en route from Seattle. We happened on the pleasantest party of people. They are a company from Rochester, N.Y. all men, but evidently gentlemen. I should say from the middle class. Jesse, as usual, made friends with them. Luckily for us, in the car they had chartered was left one double berth. The rate was cheaper too. The car is a compartment one and we have a compartment all to our selves. Each " has a double and a single berth

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The occupant of the single berth in ours has kindly put his baggage etc in with another man and we have ours alone, he simply having his berth at night.

Early as it is in the journey the people have been kind to me. Their porter announced that as there was to be no smoking in the car they couldn't smoke, they began to throw away their half-smoked cigars. I saw I would become a regular nuisance so I told Jesse to say that I should not object to it. They smoke in pipes and really it's only once in a while and not more than one or two at a time; and as the car is well ventilated it's not at all bad. There is the nicest

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little dressing room and as I am the only woman (?) I have it all to myself. It is locked and when I wish to use it I just call the porter whose room is next to it and he opens it for me. I leave some things, such as towels - brush & comb, etc there; it's almost like home.

I wish you were along Dottie, we'd have such a good time. Jesse is ever so kind to me. I never knew he could be so considerate. I'm just as happy as is possible; after leaving all my friends. The party has two dogs only, and they are charmed with Jesse's dogs, and help him feed them. Some one of them is always

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going through to see if the dogs are all right. Major felt so bad in that dirty old St. Paul. I was so dirty there and dusty that he did stick up his nose in great disgust. Jack just howled his dislike. And poor little Bob he just - bobity bobs! Even Sport felt frisky when we went to visit him. The new dog is just fine Rover hasn't laughed once. Jesse says we're very fortunate to have such nice quarters, and I think so too. I am thoroughly enjoying it There are places under the seats to store the grips- and loose articles. and a table about the size of a serving table

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goes in between the seats, and its as cozy as can be. My cape is a great comfort.

We are rolling across Minnesota now, nearing St. Cloud. It is all flat land wooded with stunted oaks It's pleasanter view inside the coach than out. The crowd sings often, or plays cards. Well, if I get the rounds, I'll have to stop here. "This charming series will be continued in our next" Please write soon, so I'll get a letter at Seattle. Be a good girl, practice lots and think often of your loving sister, Lepha Mae Edgren The Home Journal comes in very handy. LME

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